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In re Application of  
Andrea M. Schneider et al.  
Application No. 09/286,043  
Filed: April 5, 1999  
For: **DATABASE SEARCH IN DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTER SYSTEM ON PORTION OF  
REMOTE DATABASE**

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: **DECISION ON PETITION**  
: **TO EXPUNGE FILED**  
: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.59(b)**  
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This is a response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed April 16, 2002, to expunge information from the above identified application.

The petition is **DENIED**.

Petitioner requests that the Reply Brief Noted, filed April 2, 2002, be expunged from the record prior to consideration by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI).

On July 19, 2002, the BPAI remanded the case to the examiner because it determined that the Reply Brief Noted constituted an inappropriate Supplemental Examiner's Answer. In response to the remand, the Supplemental Examiner's Answer was withdrawn and prosecution reopened. Subsequently, a Notice of Allowability was issued on October 1, 2004, and has matured into Patent Number 7,356,533.

The petition is denied because the Reply Brief Noted is considered material to the patentability of the claims.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Supervisory Patent Examiner Thomas Dixon at (571) 272-6803.

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